

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES**

Date: November 13, 2014
6:30 p.m.

THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT CENTRAL OFFICE, 5 LINSLEY STREET, NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Anita Andersen, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Alicia Clapp, Bryan Bogen, Goldie Adele, Matthew Kerzner, Jennifer Caldwell, Jennifer Cecarelli, Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, Kristine Carling, Director of Finance, Operations and Human Services.

1. Presentation from Brian Hutton, Music Department Coordinator

Mr. Hutton gave an overview of the Music Department and answered any questions the Board of Education members may have.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of October 9, 2014

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Moved: to approve the Consent Agenda

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

**3. Discussion and possible appointment of an Assistant Principal
for North Haven Middle School**

4. Student Reports

Larissa reported:

- Saturday is a football game in Darian, CT
- Homecoming is Friday, November 21, 2014
- Wednesday was parent conferences and next Wednesday there will be another session

Jake reported:

- Music Department at NHHS is presenting the Wounded Warrior Concert on November 17th
- CMEA Southern Regional Auditions at Foran High School, this Saturday. There are 29 music students auditioning
- Seniors with early action and early decision deadlines have already applied.
- Auditions beginning next week for the musical The Sound of Music and the Pit Orchestra auditions will begin a 1-2 weeks

5. Chairman's Report

Mrs. Anderson reminded the Board to attend the Senior to Senior Breakfast December 2, 2014 at 8 a.m. at North Haven High School.

- a. Approval of having a hearing officer attend expulsions when needed

Moved: to approve having a hearing officer attend expulsions when needed

Approved

MOVED: Matthew Kerzner
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

6. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operations

1. Director of Finance and Operation's Report

Mr. Bogen reported:

- Finance and Operations did not meet this evening
- Budget Workshops will be every Thursday in January, with the exception of January 11, 2015, which is the regular Board of Education Meeting

Mrs. Carling reported:

- Encumbered a lot of our tuition and Special Education transportation for out of district students
- Mrs. Carling and Mrs. Corriveau meet every week to be sure they are on top of these accounts
- Consolidated Grant was submitted by Mrs. McKenna and unfortunately the District will be receiving less than last year. Mrs. Carling stated that this will have some impact on instructional supplies and curriculum writing.
- Received unofficial notification that North Haven has been awarded the Safety Grant (approx. \$83,000). Waiting to hear from the State for "official" notification.

2. Approval of the 2014-2015 Monthly Financial Report

Moved: to approve the 2014-2015 Monthly Financial Report

Approved

MOVED: Bryan Bogen
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Approval of Certificate of Authority for Dana Corriveau

Moved: to approve the Certificate of Authority for Dana Corriveau

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The Board decided to get further legal advice regarding this matter and revisit it again at a later date.

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Approval of Acknowledgement that the Board of Education will exclude from the Healthy Foods Certification, approved on June 12, 2014, food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that (1) such food is sold in connection with the event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at the location of the event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.

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Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

- b. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning** – Curriculum, Instruction and Planning did not meet
- c. Building Committee**

Mr. Adele reported that the Building Committee met on Monday, November 10, 2014. Mr. Adele stated that the environmental testing of current Middle School came back okay. There were no alarms. He stated the things they did find were nothing out of the ordinary. Mr. Adele reported that there are two bidders who have submitted bids to review our application. Members of committee will meet with both bidders and decide who to use. The RFQ for the Owner's Representative is out and the Building Committee hopes to conduct interviews December 10th. The Construction Company came to the committee with a cost estimate of approximately \$ 7 million plus over budget. The committee will review the plans and get the costs back on budget, which may mean eliminating some things to bring us back to budget.

d. Policy Committee

Mrs. Anderson stated that the Policy Committee will be put on hold throughout the budget season with the exception of any policies that are mandated by the State to be updated.

1. Adoption of Policy #2400 – Superintendent's Evaluation

Moved: to adopt Policy #2400 – Superintendent's Evaluation

Approved

MOVED: Anita Anderson
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Adoption of Policy #3543.31 – Electronic Communication Use and Retention

Moved: to adopt Policy #3543.31 – Electronic Communication Use and Retention

Approved

MOVED: Matthew Kerzner
SECOND: Randi Petersen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

- e. **Athletic Committee** – Athletic Committee did not meet. December 2, 2014 is the next Athletic Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

5. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported:

- Met with Pete Smith who is one of the legislative advisor for all of the RESPS. He spoke of the anticipated things in the legislature this year.
- Discussed trying to get more money from State for reimbursement for the Open Choice Project
- Discussed companies coming in to look at deficiencies in energy and how to save money on energy, i.e. solar panels at some of the schools, etc. Many districts have an "energy person" that visits all town buildings to do inspections regarding energy efficiency.
- Working on getting a lease with the Faith Lutheran Church in Middletown for the head start program
- Mill Road – Mike Freda is doing a market analysis on that property with the hope that ACES can buy that building as well as looking at property in Hamden, with the anticipation that ACES might be able to put the staff development over there.
- Personnel – doing an interactive health service program, to supplement the health insurance program.
- Discussing a program called Ingenuity, piloting it in the spring and bringing it to ACES in the summer, using it as an alternative for students who have not been successful in their local high schools. It is a software program.
- Partnering with New Haven Housing Authority with President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Initiative that spurs leadership with African American and Hispanic youngsters
- Received two CAFE awards for communication for ACES' annual report and video

6. North Haven PTA Council

Mrs. Cecarelli reported:

The North Haven PTA Council met on October 20, 2014 in the NHHS Library conference room. Representatives from the following groups were present and provided reports:

- NHHS Student Council
- NHMS PTSA
- Ridge Road PTA
- Green Acres PTA
- Montowese School PTA

1) NHHS Student Council cited a successful start to the school year, and provided an overview of their activities thus far. These include: The SAT'S on 10/11, Trick or Treat for Cans (an outreach effort) on 10/22, the English Honor Society Induction on 11/5, "Dress Different Day", the Nike Bowl, John Liquori Day, and volunteering at the Columbus Day parade.

2) NHMS PTSA was pleased to report that they have more than 250 members, including "lots of teachers". Primary efforts have been in the area of fundraising, with a successful pie/cookie dough sale and a night out at Chipotle in Hamden, where a large portion of that evening's proceeds was donated to the PTSA.

3) Ridge Road shared several fundraising efforts and school activities. Fundraising efforts included: Spirit Wear, "Mixed Bag" (replaces traditional wrapping paper/gift fundraiser), a "Street Sign Auction", the Scholastic Book Fair, Shred Day, and a pie/cookie dough sale. The school also hosted a "Drive in Movie" for families, and a Halloween Fun Night. They had a "Cutest Critter" contest, with proceeds going to Halfway Home Rescue, and were excited to present "Scott Jameson and the Magic of Communication" to students.

4) Green Acres reported that they have also had a very busy start to the year. Fundraisers have included: Genevieve's, Square 1 Art, and Spirit Wear. Family activities have included: an ice cream social, the Boo Bash, and a Field Day to celebrate summer reading accomplishments. The student council has planned a variety of spirit days, and the school also had a successful drive to benefit Unicef, through their "Unicef Pumpkin" activity.

5) Montowese School shared that they have been working on several fundraisers, including: the Jeannine fundraiser, and plans for a "Vendor Village". School-based activities include: an ice cream social, pumpkin night, and Montowese key chains for all students as part of PBIS. The school has also worked to benefit outside

organizations including "Pink Day" for breast cancer, and "Purple Day" for epilepsy. They were also pleased to report that they were in the process of electing student leadership. The PTA Council Executive Board is seeking volunteers to run the council. Everyone at the meeting expressed their desire to see the organization grow. One suggestion to increase involvement in PTA Council was to combine monthly PTA Presidents' meetings with PTA Council meetings.

The next PTA Council meeting will be on December 8th at 7:00 in the NHHS Library Conference room. All are invited to attend.

7. Enrollment

8. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cronin reported:

- In regards to the pipe bursting issue at the High School, Dr. Cronin suggested that we could reduce the days to 180, just as we did last year with an incident at Ridge Road. Dr. Cronin stated that there are 181 days in our calendar. State requires 180. This will be discussed further as we see how many snow days we end up with.
- Lynn Sadowski wrote and applied for the STEAP Grant.

9. Public Comments

- Cherie Gibson – spoke of the upcoming budget season. Getting equal music and art teachers in each school.
- Julie Bosenberry – commented also of adding music and art teachers next year.
- Vasilios Diakogeorgiou - commented regarding on his meeting with Dr. Cronin, regarding he and his wife settling in North Haven and whether or not they will raise their children in North Haven. He commented how pleased he was with his meeting with both Dr. Cronin and the school he visited.

10. Executive Session: for matters of personnel/legal matters

Moved: to enter into executive session for matters of personnel/legal matters

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Back in public session at 9:00 p.m.

Moved: To appoint Paul Castiglione as Assistant Principal of the North Haven Middle School

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Alicia Clapp
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

11. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn at 9:05p.m.

Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

Anita Anderson, Chairman